

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, November 17, 2020)
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1. COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION JOINT MEETING (VIA WEBEX)

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via Webex)
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communication Director
John F. Deatruck, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
Bill Hunt, Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission (Via Webex)

Joseph Russell- Chairman, 3rd Election District
Keith Fairfax, Vice Chairman, 8th Election District
Gerald Meyerman, 1st Election District
Roy Alvey, 2nd & 9th Election District
Bryan Barthelme, 4th & 5th Election District
Mike Thompson, 6th Election District
Robert Russell, 7th Election District
George Ericksen, Executive Director
Christy Hollander, P.E. Chief Engineer

Commissioner President James R. Guy called the joint meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to order at 9:03 a.m in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Presentations were provided for the following: Capital Improvement Projects Updates & St. Clements Shores Waste Water Treatment Plant, St. Clements Shores Waste Water Treatment Plant Process, Legislation, and Patuxent River NAS Utility Privatization.

LEGISLATION MOTION

Motion: I move to sign a letter of support for the Commissioners of St. Mary's County legislative request to repeal Section 27-11 (A) of Article 19- Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County as amended by Chapter 424 of the 2017 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland regarding the decoupling of the METCOM debt from the County debt.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. ADJOURN

Following closing remarks by Commissioner President Guy and Chairman Russell the meeting closed at 10:38 a.m.

3. WELCOME

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 11:50 a.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of November 3, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

4. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Great American Smokeout 2020
- B. Giving Tuesday 2020

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Amendments to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan, and Resolution for connection to the expanded St. Clements Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant

I move to approve a morning public hearing for public comments on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan and the Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR DECEMBER 1 AND 8, 2020. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 24, 2020.

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - YMCA Feasibility Study

Present: Robbie Gill, YMCA Chesapeake
Lori Swann, Triangle 2 Solutions

The YMCA of the Chesapeake & St. Mary's County partnered with Triangle 2 to provide a market feasibility study. A brief of the feasibility study which included data from 817 phone surveys and 1399 online surveys from citizens was presented.

C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Community Development Block Grant- Rogers Drive Extension Update

I move to approve the Second Amendment of the Community Development Block Grant # MD-18-CD-1, Rogers Drive Extension, between St. Mary's County and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development; budget amendment for \$20,000 from the Commissioners Reserve; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2021 Senior Care Grant Application

I move to approve the Senior Care grant application, project #MD2103, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$126,106 to provide assistance to the seniors of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - STS CARES Act Grant Award

I move to approve the STS CARES Act Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Transportation Agency on behalf of the St. Mary's County Transit (STS) in the amount of \$1,129,393 for Section 5307 (Operating) and \$913,258 for Section 5311 (Operating, Rural) and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related budget amendments and execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - STS Title VI Implementation Plan FY21-23

I move to approve the St. Mary's Transit System (STS) Title VI Implementation Plan for FY21-23 for submission to the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Lease Agreement with Home Grown Farm Market LLC

I move to approve the Lease Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Home Grown Farm Market LLC and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Resolution authorizing the 5 year financing of vehicles approved in the FY2021 budget

I move to approve and sign the Resolution authorizing the 5-year financing agreement in the amount of \$1,300,000, with Banc of America Public Capital Corp., as recommended by the

Finance Department, and authorize Commissioner President and appropriate staff to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - CIP Budget Amendments to Realign various CIP Projects

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related Budget Amendments realigning the various CIP Projects decreasing the FIN21 Capital Reserve by \$1,870,000.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

J. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - CARES grant reconciliation

I move to approve the changes in the CARES Spending Plan as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Property and Litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Bruce Poole, The Poole Law Group
Kathy Poole, The Poole Law Group
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 1:20 p.m. to 1:57 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss Litigation strategy

B. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
John Deatrack, Director, Dept. Public Works and Transportation
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 1:58 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Property Acquisition

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on December 1, 2020.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. PRESENTATION

A. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - 2020 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION TOUR (VIA WEBEX)

Present:

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

Maryland State Delegate Matthew Morgan

Department of Transportation Personnel: (Via Webex)

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Sean Powell Jr., Deputy Transportation Secretary
Dan Janousek, Regional Planner
Jeff Tosi, Director Office of Government Affairs
Pilar Helm, State Legislative Office

MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Ashish Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistant

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

Christine Nizer, Administrator

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Travis Johnston, Director

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Tim Smith, Administrator
Corren Johnson, Director 5 Engineer

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Melissa Williams, Director, Planning and Program Development

Commissioner President Guy called the meeting of the to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Deputy Transportation Secretary Powell highlighted the funding impact COVID-19 will have on the 6-year Consolidated Transportation Plan. St. Mary's County may see less road maintenance; longer grass with less mowing; impacts to the State's System Preservation Minor Projects Program; unfunded state roadwork; and, evaluation programs to help plan for the future.

Projects specific to St. Mary's included MD 5, Point Lookout Road (reconstruct the MD 5 intersection at Abell Street/Moakley Street; Point Lookout State Park (road widening and sidewalks); New Market Turner Road; and, MD Route 6 repair and replacement.

Other topics of discussion were the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Harry Nice Middleton Bridge projects; online customer services provided (Customer Connect and First Step); all-electronic and cashless tolls throughout Maryland; reopening of MVA branch offices; Federal REAL-ID deadline extension; and, the MD Route 6 Persimmon Creek Bridge appeal.

Following closing remarks, Commissioner President Guy closed the meeting at 3:05 p.m.